



FOREST MANAGEMENT: Deforestation in Cambodia

Forests are valuable to people. They provide ecologic services like oxygen production, carbon storage, water filtration, shade and greenspace. Yet, the economic value of timber and the land that forests occupy often drive deforestation—as seen in this 2015 Landsat 8 image of Cambodia where native forests have been cleared to make way for rubber plantations. Landsat is used to determine rates and locations of deforestation, forest health, carbon stores, fire risk, and recovery rates. Credit: NASA Earth Observatory

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